MIAA BASKETBALL COMMITTEE MEETING  
Wednesday, April 26, 2017  
10:00 AM  
Tournament Directors at 8:45 AM  
(Lunch at noon)  

MINUTES  

1. Call to Order 10:10 AM  

2. Reminder to MSSAA Members to vote regarding Unification  

3. July 31 Endowment Golf Tournament flyer distributed  

4. Attendance  
   - Note that Rita Castagna is absent due to family matter  
   - Karen McDonald has formally resigned as South Boys & Girls Tournament Director  

5. Recognition and presentation of gift to Art Boyle as he retires from Basketball Committee after 21 years of service.  

6. Minutes of January 30, 2017 meeting (alignment appeals) – none to officially accept...just the results of appeal voting.  

7. Information Sharing  
   • Sherman A. Kinney Award 2017 – Larry Kelleher  
     [http://miaa.net/gen/miaa_generated_bin/documents/basic_module/Sherman_Kinney_Award_Flyer___Larry_Kelleher.pdf](http://miaa.net/gen/miaa_generated_bin/documents/basic_module/Sherman_Kinney_Award_Flyer___Larry_Kelleher.pdf)  
   • Initiative - Staff and Team Finalists Lanyards (State Finals)  
   • Tournament Champions  
     a) D1 Girls – Springfield Central High School  
     b) D1 Boys – Cambridge Rindge & Latin School  
     c) D2 Girls – Medfield High School  
     d) D2 Boys – Brighton High School  
     e) D3 Girls – Archbishop Williams High School  
     f) D3 Boys – Hanover High School  
     g) D4 Girls – Cathedral High School (Boston)  
     h) D4 Boys – Maynard High School  

   • School Sportsmanship Awards  
     a) Girls – Monson High School, Watertown High School & Wareham High School  
     b) Boys – West Boylston High School  

   • Neutral Site “Thank You” list (handout) – especially thankful this year with loss of TD Garden. Acknowledge the difficulty in both finding sites and for those schools who regularly host. Process is burdensome.
8. **Basketball Observers Update…Summary Points**
   - Tournament Directors/Sectional Captains
   - Reports are mostly positive and continue to be well received by Member Schools.
   - Program will be reviewed regarding budget concerns

9. **Tournament Director Reports & Tournament Reflections**
   - Special announcement – Karen McDonald has retired as South Sectional Boys & Girls Tournament Director. MIAA will start the process of finding a replacement.
   - Sectional Reports
     a) **Roger Bacon** – things went well. Profits were slightly up. Worcester State was fantastic site. Thanks all that helped support him.
     b) **Lou Conte** – increase in attendance. Cage had a few problems providing enough locker rooms but tournament ran well overall.
     c) **Larry Kelleher** – tournament ran well. Recognizes challenges associated with neutral sites. Notes importance of Observer’s Program in wielding relationships with AD’s and use of facilities as neutral sites.
     d) **Karen McDonald** (via Joe Rocha) – all went well. Please that South has three state champions. Thanks MIAA staff for help and support. Attendance down about 2,600 but expenses also were down.
   - State Report
     a) **Jim Peters** – financial information is not official yet but Sectional Tournaments were generally up in profits. State Tournament was down about 8,000 tickets. Overall revenue will be down roughly a few thousand dollars. Loss of Garden due to weather was major factor in this.

Larry Kelleher reiterates how great the Springfield experience is for all involved. Specifically notes the banquet experience and how great the Springfield College site is.

Tony Price – asks about Title IX news article based on placing three girls games at Springfield College (smaller venue). MIAA decided no need to respond to this one specific article. Jim Peters notes that sole determination of game placements was projected attendance.

Jeff Newhall – prefers to play at Springfield College. Woburn HS was great neutral when the Garden was lost. Asks about Finals start times and possibly starting a bit earlier, based mostly because teams stay overnight.

Mike Lahiff – mixed feelings about sites (large vs. small sites). Questions whether smaller college venues might be better atmosphere than large venues, i.e. Mass Mutual, DCU, etc.
10. State Semi-Finals and Finals
- Weather implications (state semi-finals) – loss of TD Garden
- Site determinations
- Attendance review (handout)
- Road to Springfield
- “Moving forward” (handout)
- School surveys – sent and compiling data

11. Coaches Association Report
- Jim Reynolds – association is in great shape. Strong membership drive, up to 550 members. Coaches Clinic and Banquet were both very successful. Very pleased with Spaulding as new official MIAA basketball.

12. Officials Association Report
- Bill Boutiller – officials’ access to locker rooms...one incident where official was confronted after game by players because room was locked.

13. Four-Year Alignment (Motion to move into Executive Session, approved)
- Final listing:
  a. Boys - [http://miaa.net/gen/miaa_generated_bin/documents/basic_module/Boys_Basketball_alignment_info_201718_thru_202021__for_committee_review.pdf](http://miaa.net/gen/miaa_generated_bin/documents/basic_module/Boys_Basketball_alignment_info_201718_thru_202021__for-committee_review.pdf)
  b. Girls - [http://miaa.net/gen/miaa_generated_bin/documents/basic_module/Girls_Basketball_alignment_info_201718_thru_202021__for_committee_review.pdf](http://miaa.net/gen/miaa_generated_bin/documents/basic_module/Girls_Basketball_alignment_info_201718_thru_202021__for-committee_review.pdf)

  Mike Martin - Renascence School will no longer be in coop so adjustment should be made. This will get worked out during “normal” yearly coop review. Should be West D3.

  Wallace Johnson – sent emails regarding coops (see above rationale)

- Reflections – MIAA heard very little, positive or negative, after results were shared. 80 appeals with nearly 70% being approved.
- Issues/Concerns – Board of Directors is looking at consistency among sports across several issues, including alignment procedures. Not specifically directed at Basketball though. Jim Peters acknowledges possibility of revisiting the need for 4 divisions. Jeff Newhall recognizes that elimination of one division in West and Central may be warranted. Andy Linkenhoker notes student enrollment is falling fast and future plans will be needed.
- Late requests – Monomoy (boys), Hamilton-Wenham (boys), Granby (girls)

  Hamilton-Wenham letter – did Basketball Committee use incorrect enrollment data? MIAA confirmed that Hamilton-Wenham summited enrollment figure of 279 and NOT 269, as letter states. All sport committees used the 279 figure. Dave L. does not like tone of letter, but only notes the difference between 279 figure and next closest D3 or D4. Much closer to the
D4 numbers. However, Committee must only consider if a clerical error was made – it was NOT. **Motion to make no change – approved 15-0-0.**

**Monomoy letter** – using rationale above (Hamilton-Wenham), not action needs to be taken.

**Granby letter** – traditional “opt up” program and administrative changes lead to late appeal request. *note* – school looking to opt up to D3 (where school was placed previous 4 years). General feeling to allow opt ups.

**Motion to grant appeal approved 15-0-0** Granby will be placed in D3 West.

- Data Review - [http://miaa.net/gen/miaa_generated_bin/documents/basic_module/Alignment_Data_Analysis__Jim_Peters_review.pdf](http://miaa.net/gen/miaa_generated_bin/documents/basic_module/Alignment_Data_Analysis__Jim_Peters_review.pdf)

14. Development/Need for Summer Sub-Committee
   - Topics?
   - Alignment review
   - Status of 4 divisional tournament
   - Neutral Site study
   - State Semi-Finals
   - Dates – MIAA will sent out some possible dates
   - Interested Members?

15. Other Business
   - MIAA Golf Tournament (July 31st)
   - Official Ball Sponsor – Spaulding (5 year contract)
   - Assignment of Officials – Mike Lahiff received letter regarding process of assigning officials. Asks to be placed on summer meeting agenda.
   - Wallace Johnson asks about possibility of rotating State Semi-Finals match-ups. Mike Lahiff suggests placing on summer agenda.

16. Adjournment at 11:55 AM